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President of Formosa Foods Indicted

***Irving, Texas, Resident, Mao S. Chang
Charged with Poultry and Meat Inspection Act Violations***

United States Attorney Richard B. Roper announced that Dallas-based business, Las Colinas International, Inc., doing business as Formosa Foods, and its President/Director, Mao S. Chang, were charged in five-count indictment returned last week in Dallas with various violations of the Federal Poultry and Meat Inspection Acts. Formosa Foods is a warehouser and distributor of poultry and meat food products. Chang will appear this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. before the Honorable Paul D. Stickney, United States Magistrate Judge, for his initial appearance.

The indictment charges various violations of the Federal Inspection Acts spanning a five month period beginning in August 2001. The indictment alleges that on August 16, 2001, Formosa Foods and Chang failed to provide adequate refrigeration for 120 pounds of chicken and 60 pounds of pork while transporting the poultry and meat from Dallas, Texas, to a restaurant in Bentonville, Arkansas, causing the poultry and meat to consist of putrid and decomposed substances and to be unsound, unhealthful, unwholesome, and otherwise unfit for human food.

The indictment further alleges that on November 15, 2001, the defendants sold and transported in interstate commerce from Dallas, Texas to a supermarket in Memphis, Tennessee, 800 pounds of poultry that consisted of putrid and decomposed substances which were unfit for human food. Pursuant to an U.S.D.A. inspection of Formosa Foods in January 2002, inspectors found over 8,000 pounds of poultry and meat products in Formosa Food's general inventory freezers that were being held for sale under unsanitary conditions causing such food products to be filthy, putrid and decomposed and to be unfit for human food.

In October 2000, the Honorable David C. Godbey, District Judge of the 160th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, issued a final judgment and agreed permanent injunction against Las Colinas International, Inc., d/b/a Formosa Foods, ordering Formosa Foods, including its officers and agents, to comply with the Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Judge Godbey further ordered Formosa Foods to pay \$170,000 to the Office of the Attorney General, State of Texas, and \$30,000 to the Texas Department of Health.

An indictment is an accusation by a federal grand jury and a defendant is entitled to the presumption of innocence unless proven guilty. However, if convicted on all counts, Las Colinas International, Inc., doing business as Formosa Foods, faces a maximum statutory sentence of a \$50,000 fine and Mao S. Chang faces a maximum statutory sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a \$50,000 fine.

United States Attorney Roper praised the investigative efforts of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tammy Reno.